

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 14, "Issuance of Practitioner's Licenses and Endorsements," Iowa Administrative Code.

Currently nonlicensed out-of-state applicants may be issued a nonrenewable Class A license valid for one year until they are able to pass the testing requirements in the state where the teacher preparation program was completed. An applicant may then attempt to use the Class A Iowa license to obtain a license in the applicant's state without having to take the test. This amendment attempts to close a loophole that some have used to avoid taking a test in their home states.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2008. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 282—14.115(272) as follows:

282—14.115(272) Requirements for a Class A license. A nonrenewable Class A license valid for one year may be issued to an individual who has completed a teacher education program under any one of the following conditions:

1. to 6. No change.

~~7. —Based on a nonlicensed out of state applicant. If an applicant completes a teacher education program at a non-Iowa institution and has never held a valid regular license or certificate exclusive of a temporary, emergency or substitute license or certificate, then the applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the testing requirements in the state where the teacher preparation program was completed.~~

~~8.~~ 7. Based on an administrative decision. The executive director is authorized to issue a Class A license to an applicant whose services are needed to fill positions in unique need circumstances.